



BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. TANI et al
Serial No. 09/861,642
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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/861,642, filed on May 22, 2001, entitled MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee								\$ 750.00
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	= 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	= 0.00
Total Filing Fee								\$ 750.00

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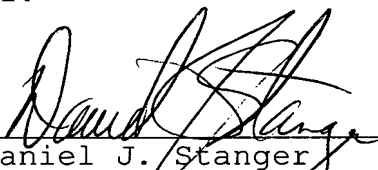
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-154395, filed May 22, 2000.

The certified priority document has been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/861,642, as originally filed on May 22, 2001.


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